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Environmental Officials, Legislators and Conservationists Tour
Revitalized Back River Watershed

Nearly complete, multi-million dollar hazardous waste cleanup highlights two-hour boat trip

WHAT: A river tour to view an environmental success story that has occurred thanks to collaboration among state agencies, elected officials, local activists and a conscientious corporate citizen. ConocoPhillips of Houston has nearly completed a hazardous waste cleanup and restoration at Webb State Park and Weymouth Neck – former home of the Bradley Fertilizer plant - at no cost to taxpayers. In addition to the Weymouth Neck Remediation Project, tour attendees will view eight state and local parks, a 90-foot glacial esker, and an active osprey nest, and hear about plans to link two state parks – Abigail Adams and Stodder's Neck – with municipal parks in Hingham and Weymouth.

WHO: Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Ian Bowles
EEA Undersecretary for Environment Philip Griffiths
Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Richard Sullivan
Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Mary Griffin
Area legislators and municipal officials
Watershed Association Co-chairs Mary Ann Jackson and Kathleen McGovern
Environmental science experts

WHEN: **Wednesday** **September 26, 2007** **Time: 10:30 a.m.**

WHERE: Boats depart from South Shore Yacht Club, 800 Bridge Street, Weymouth
(Please contact number above or Yacht Club at 781-335-9440 by 9 a.m. 9/26 to reserve space on a boat.)

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DIRECTIONS: From Boston, take Route 93 South to exit 12, bear right (Gallivan Boulevard), cross Neponset Bridge and bear left onto Quincy Shore Drive. At the end, take right onto Sea Street and the left onto Rte 3A at the police station. Driving toward Hingham in North Weymouth on Bridge Street (3A), go through intersection of Green Street and Neck Street (Dunkin Donuts is at right far corner) and continue straight on 3A. Riverway Mall will be on the right. Continue straight on Rte. 3A and just before Margarita's Restaurant at the end of the mall there will be a sign on the right reading "Next right for left turn." Take this right just after Margarita's, go around to the left, and then straight across Rte. 3A and through black iron gates into Abigail Adams Park. Proceed to the lower level and turn right at the rotary and follow the road to the end at a second rotary for parking. Take the boardwalk over the marshes to the South Shore Yacht Club.

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